

fields would doubtless be rewarded by a longer list of interesting species.

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An excellent little book for its purpose, which should lead the beginner onto more specialised literature. — E.H.W.

BEMBEZIA SCOPIGERA SCOPOLI: ICHNEUMONIFORMIS D. & S. AT EASTBOURNE. — I was pleased to take two specimens of the Six-belted Clearwing in excellent condition, by sweeping grassy slopes at Pinnacle Point, Eastbourne on the 31st July, 1977. — JOHN PARRY, 38 Heather Drive, St. Michaels, Tenterden, Kent.

AGRIUS CONVULVULI L. FLYING IN DAYTIME. — On Sunday September 19th, 1976, two bird-watchers at Porthgwarra, near Land's End watched *A. convolvuli* fly in, in front of a cold(?) front, and settle in a field at 2.30 p.m. — AUSTIN RICHARDSON, Orchard Cottage, Box, Stroud, Glos.

CORRECTION. — In my article "The Moths of Wimbledon: Further Records 1971-77" (*Ent. Rec.* 90:231), the printers have omitted one line, line 3 under Noctuidae, and replaced it with a duplicated line 3 under Geometridae. The line which was omitted should read:

only, 19.8.76. *Lithophane leautieri hesperica* Boursin, 1 only, — J. V. DACIE.